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# NEWS RELEASE

## City designated as a Bronze-level Walk Friendly Community

**Durango, CO:** The city of Durango was designated as a Bronze-level Walk Friendly Community on June 21, 2022 by the Walk Friendly Communities program. This was the city's first application to become a Walk Friendly Community.

Walk Friendly Communities is a nationally recognized program that evaluates communities based on a set of criteria looking at programs and infrastructure and designates them a level based on how well they meet the criteria. There are 5 designation levels, Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze, and Honorable Mention. Durango is now 1 of 4 designated Walk Friendly Communities in Colorado.

One of the City Council's strategic goals is to advance community accessibility and walkability, and this assessment and corresponding designation is a first step in providing the city with a base measurement. The assessment provides a report card on areas the city is doing good and areas where the city could improve to be a more safe and walkable community. A Walk Friendly Community summary of Durango can be found [here](#).

"This has been a great opportunity to get a comprehensive evaluation of Durango and know where the city stands in terms of walkability," said Devin King, multimodal administrator. "Durango is a safe walkable community already, but we have areas we can improve and received helpful feedback and tips on how to advance our community's walkability."

Learn more about the Walk Friendly Communities program and see other Walk Friendly Communities [here](#).

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